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STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS, FOR NINE MONTHS JAN.-SEPT., 1938.

Births - increase 368; Deaths - increase 215; Marriages - increase 175.

POPULATION OF THE STATE. 31st March, 1938 - Total 591,755; Males 295,986; Females 295,769.

NATURAL INCREASE. The excess of births over deaths for the nine months was 2,823 (2,670) an increase of 153.

BIRTHS. For the nine months 7,072 (6,704) Births were registered being 368 more than for the same period in 1937.
EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS - 195 (237). CASES OF MULTIPLE BIRTHS - Twins 62 (70), Triplets 1 (1).

ADOPTIONS AND LEGITIMATIONS - Under the Adoption Acts 73 (73) children were registered as adopted and 9 (21) children were legitimated under the Legitimation Acts after the marriage of their parents.

MARRIAGES. The marriages celebrated during the nine months numbered 3,983 (3,808) an increase of 175. There was an increase of 222 marriages during the first six months, but a decrease of 47 during the last three months. Civil Marriages numbered 393 (312) increase 81.

DEATHS. The deaths registered for the nine months numbered 4,249 (4,034) an increase of 215. Under 1 year 236 (234), increase 2.

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATHS. (Table 6). Cancer 591 (540), Diseases of Heart 880 (800), Cerebral haemorrhage and softening 434 (382) Accidents 218 (241), Senility 244 (222), Pulmonary Tuberculosis 150 (171) Congenital Debility, Malformations, &c. 165 (181), Nephritis, Acute and Chronic 205 (202), Diarrhoea & Enteritis 33 (38), Pneumonia 253 (209), Diabetes mellitus 109 (94), Puerperal Causes 35 (35), Influenza 9 (7).

DEATHS FROM ACCIDENTS, &c. For the nine months 218 (241) deaths were attributed to Accidents, &c. decrease 23. Drowning 16 (31), Automobiles 69 (82), Railways 15 (11), Other transport 16 (15), Injury from Falls 57 (48), Firearms 6 (5), Burns 13 (14).

INFANTILE DEATHS. NO. & CAUSES. 236 (234) deaths were recorded for the nine months, being 2 more than for the same period in 1937. The principal causes were - Whooping Cough 1 (4), Broncho-pneumonia and Pneumonia 34 (18), Diarrhoea & Enteritis 17 (10), Malformations 27 (27), Congenital debility &c. 13 (13), Premature Birth 70 (90), Injury at birth 22 (24), Other diseases of early infancy 21 (17), and all other causes 31 (31), total 236 (234).

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED. (Table 5). Numbers of cases notified during the nine months are as follows:- Diphtheria 657 (618), Dysentery 6 (20), Erysipelas 67 (84), Influenza 31 (129), Measles 40 (52), Poliomyelitis 269 (3), Pulmonary Tuberculosis 222 (249), Scarlet Fever 322 (155) and Whooping Cough 179 (460).

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